

NATION'S DRINK BILL GROWS ENORMOUSLY

People of United States Consumed 3,623,913,194 Gallons of Stimulants in Calendar Year of 1903.

Uncle Sam's bill for stimulating drinks for 1903, which has been paid for, shows that the people of the United States drank 3,623,913,194 gallons of stimulants, costing \$1,451,553,373, breaking the records of all previous years. In spite of temperance teaching and the crusade against "treating," the excise receipts continue to swell.

Last year the people collectively consumed more stimulating beverages than they ever did before, and if the present year, which is one of great political importance, sees as much prosperity in the liquor line there may be but few passengers on the "water wagon" when next Christmas comes around.

Four Beverages.

The stimulating beverages named in the bill include coffee, beer, tea, and spirits, coffee leading, with beer a close second. A table showing the amount and estimated cost of stimulants, arranged by the "American Grocer," shows for the fact that the people spent six times as much money for alcoholic drinks in 1903 as they did for the milder stimulants.

In other words, Americans drank 11,242,943,118 worth of alcoholic beverages, as compared to \$288,690,281 for the milder stimulants. This vast national drink bill shows an increase over that of the previous year of

\$70,777,833 for alcoholic drinks and \$12,157,220 for coffee, tea, and cocoa.

Last year the nation drank 117,332,148 gallons of whiskey and other strong spirits, an increase of one-tenth more whiskey in 1903 than in the year before. If all the whiskey consumed had been distributed equally throughout the country every man, woman, and child would have spent \$5.20 for highballs, milk punches, cocktails or straight goods.

\$21 Per Capita.

Eliminate three-fourths of the people, who, it is said, do not touch intoxicants, the sum of \$21 represents the amount each citizen invested last year in strong libations.

Last year the total amount of beer consumed amounted to 1,449,879,952 gallons, only 117,022,462 gallons less than coffee. The money spent for beer was \$727,042,245, the average sum each person paid being a little over \$2.

The average cost of tea and coffee is only 19 cents a gallon and the cheapness has much to do with the popularity of these two beverages. In 1903 this country consumed 1,566,902,614 gallons of coffee, and 450,000,000 gallons of tea.

Domestic and imported wines to the amount of 38,719,355 gallons, costing \$37,855,390, were consumed.

SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS.

FRATERNAL

Naomi Rebekah Lodge.

At the last meeting of Naomi Rebekah Lodge, No. 1, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, on the evening of May 18, an interesting program was presented. The attendance was large, among those present being several of the charter members of the lodge. The Rebekah degree was conferred by the new degree staff of the lodge, with the following cast:

Noble grand, Mrs. A. E. Thomas; R. S., Mrs. G. Burroughs; L. S., Mrs. M. Burgess; vice grand, Mrs. S. E. Owens; T. S., Mrs. M. L. Carline; L. S., Mrs. L. T. Everts; part noble grand, Mrs. Cora B. Anderson; chaplain, Mrs. A. E. Lusby; warden, Mrs. K. Gibson; conductor, Mrs. K. Gottleib; I. G., Mrs. G. Mothes; A. B. 1, Mrs. F. R. Ricks; A. B. 2, Mrs. Irene King; B. B. 1, Mrs. R. E. Volland; B. B. 2, Mrs. C. M. Lester; B. B. 3, Miss M. Godman; B. B. 4, Miss Nettie P. Wallace; degree director, John H. Hogan.

The new floor movements of the degree were presented in regular form for the first time, and seemed to be appreciated by the members. The entertainment committee is arranging for a box party which will be given toward the last of May. The proceeds of the party will be donated to the Odd Fellows' Home Association.

Doings of Macabees.

Sir Knight William Pitts, of Mount Vernon Tent, No. 4, died on Friday last, and will be buried from St. Peter's Church on Monday.

State Commander D. W. Gall, with a number of friends, went to Alexandria Monday night last, where they were guests of Alexandria Tent, No. 2.

Mrs. Penelope D. Smith, deputy supreme commander for the Ladies of the Macabees in this city, is quite sick at her home in the Northeast.

Mrs. Ida J. Maxwell, the commander in charge of the ladies' initiation, proved herself a capable presiding officer.

Brightwood Division, Uniform Rank, will soon be fitted out in new uniforms, and will be a company of which that tent may be proud.

Georgetown Tent, No. 6, has made a fine record this month, and so has Arlington Tent, No. 10.

Mrs. Lillian M. Hollister, the supreme commander of the Ladies of the Macabees, failed to reach here for the ladies' mass convention, on last Wednesday night, and thus not only were the women of the order disappointed, but a large audience, as well.

The women of the Macabees have absorbed about all the time of the members of this order this week with their big mass meeting, which was held Wednesday night, in National Rifles Armory Hall. There were at least 400 persons present, and an excellent display drill was witnessed with fifty young women, dressed in white, wearing sashes bearing the colors of the order, armed with spears, under the command of Miss Edith Van Ness, as captain, who showed great proficiency in the use of the spears, and were under perfect command of their officer, who was well posted as to the tactics used in the drills.

Mrs. Ida J. Maxwell acted as commander, and initiated a class of 12 new members, in the able manner which she always displays in this work. Mrs. Elizabeth E. Brown, the great commander of the Ladies of the Macabees of Pennsylvania, and J. V. Gall, the State commander of the Knights of the Macabees of this jurisdiction, made addresses.

Brightwood Tent, No. 5, gave an entertainment last Tuesday night at their hall in Brightwood, which was well attended and a financial success.

Sir Knight George R. L. Tuberville has been elected record keeper of Capital Tent, No. 1, and will move in a few days to Alabama.

Cyrus Castle No. 1.

Cyrus Castle, No. 1, Knights of the Golden Eagle, at its last session on Wednesday night, was largely attended by the members and visitors from castles in the city and Virginia.

Many applications for membership poured in, and the degree team is eager to get at them in old-fashioned manner. Good work is being done by the members at large.

RELIGIOUS.

Ladies' Social Circle.

The Ladies' Social Circle, of Temple Baptist Church, held its twenty-fifth anniversary in the church parlors on Tuesday evening, and celebrated it by giving a lunch in honor of Mrs. H. C. Sholes, who has been the treasurer of the society since its organization in 1879. The women showed their appreciation of their treasurer's long and faithful service by presenting her with elegant candelabra. The pastor, deacons, and two score or more women were present and had a most enjoyable time.

Readings for the Blind.

Readings and music for the week in the reading room for the blind, Library of Congress, will be as follows:

Monday, Mrs. John C. Poor.

Tuesday, Miss Kate Dabney.

Wednesday, song and piano recital by Miss Jessie Darling, Miss Katie Grady, and Prof. J. Francis Germuller.

Thursday, Mrs. E. J. M. Clemens.

Friday, Mrs. W. D. Johnson.

Saturday, Mrs. Bernice Thompson.

LABOR UNION CAUSES ARREST OF MEMBER

He Is Fined for Assault Upon a "Scab" in the Course of a Strike.

CHICAGO, Ill., April 23.—For the first time in the history of Chicago a labor union has fined one of its own members for assaulting a non-union workman during a strike. The fact came out in court today when Judge Martin refused to fine David Bergquist for an assault because he had already been fined by the Carriage and Wagon Makers' Union. The judge simply placed Bergquist under a peace bond of \$500.

Harry T. Stevens, of the H. McFarlane Company, was the man attacked. His assailant was revealed to the police by the secretary of the union.

NO SENSATIONAL CASES TO BE HEARD SOON

Postponement of Shaffer Murder Trial Leaves Criminal Court No. 1 Small Hearings.

The postponement of the trial of August L. Shaffer, for the murder of his divorced wife, until after the trial of the Tyner-Barrett conspiracy cases, leaves Criminal Court No. 1 without any case of public importance on the calendar for the current week.

Justice Pritchard, however, will not be idle. There are a great number of persons in jail awaiting trial on indictments against them, and these will be hurried along in Criminal Court No. 1 as rapidly as is practicable.

It is expected that the trial of Gen. James N. Tyner and Harrison J. Barrett, who are indicted jointly for conspiracy in connection with the Post-office scandals, will occupy the attention of the court for three or four weeks.

EGGS \$1.44 A DOZEN.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., April 23.—W. Theodore Mittman, the chicken fancier of this city, has received an order for a dozen of his brown bantam eggs for hatching purposes at \$14.

This is a world record price for a dozen eggs.

LOVELORN BUNGOED BY AN IOWA WOMAN

Mrs. Kalmick Admits That She Corresponded With Fifteen Men Who Wanted to Marry.

SIoux CITY, Iowa, April 23.—Charged with working a gigantic scheme to defraud men who patronize matrimonial bureaus, Mrs. Elizabeth L. Kalmick was arrested here today.

Albert J. Schwartz, of Plankinton, S. D., who filed the complaint, says she solicited him in \$10, after replying to his advertisement for a wife. He had come to meet her and she had failed to keep the appointment.

Mrs. Kalmick admitted that she was in correspondence with about fifteen men who wanted to marry, but she denied that she was trying to hold each of them up for \$100.

MRS. MAMIE L. FRENCH IS STILL MISSING

Little Son Cooks Since Mother Took French Leave.

Nothing has yet been learned by the police or detectives of the whereabouts of Mrs. Mamie L. French, who left her home, 914 Ninth Street southeast, last Monday night, and has not been seen since her departure. The police yesterday learned that the woman had frequently quarreled with her husband, but their informant did not say there was any trouble within a short time prior to her hurried departure on Monday.

Her son Archie, about fifteen years old, says he was the last one to see his mother in Washington. He went to a party Monday evening about 6 o'clock. She helped him to dress for the entertainment, and kissed him good-by. She had, however, dressed herself, and left the house when he returned three hours later.

The mother left no note or letter to explain why she was leaving, and on Tuesday morning the husband and son were called upon to prepare their own breakfast. Since the mother's departure Archie has done the cooking for his father.

ILLINOIS BARMAIDS INDICTED.

STERLING, Ill., April 23.—Sixty-seven saloon keepers of Bureau county have been indicted by the grand jury on the charge of keeping their places open on Sunday. Of this number fifteen were women bartenders.

OIL DRILLERS FIND TREE UNDER GROUND

Discovery Made in Texas—Wood 1,000 Feet Below Surface Found Perfectly Preserved.

DALLAS, Tex., April 23.—A report from Crockett, in Houston county, states that drillers in the T. F. Driskill oil well, when they reached a depth of 1,000 feet, encountered the trunk of a large tree.

Large pieces of bark and wood of clear grain have been brought to the surface in a perfect state of preservation. The wood is very hard and the tree measured, as near as could be estimated, between two and three feet in diameter.

PLOTTERS FOUND GUILTY IN MURDER CONSPIRACY

Former Honduras Public Official Sought to Assassinate President Manuel Bonilla.

NEW ORLEANS, La., April 23.—Dr. F. A. Matute, former surgeon for the republic of Honduras, at Celiba, has been informed that ex-President Policarpo Bonilla, a former member of the chamber of deputies, and six members of that branch of the government, have been tried and found guilty of being implicated in a plot to assassinate President Manuel Bonilla. They have not been sentenced, but advise stating that they have started to serve their respective sentences are expected to reach Dr. Matute in a few days.

Policarpo Bonilla, Marlar Carlos, Miguel A. Nevano, Miguel Bustillo, Jesus M. Alvarado, Salvador Zelaya, Manuel F. Barahona, Ricardo Pineda, and Jacinto Rivas, members of the chamber of deputies, were arrested in the early part of last February. Investigation following their arrest showed conclusively that they had entered into the plot.

Surveyors Will Mark The Alaskan Boundary

Party of Canada and United States Will Begin Work Next June in Chilcat Region. May Take Several Years.

The preparations for marking the Alaskan boundary have been nearly completed, and the engineers who will form the joint survey party of Canada and the United States will be announced within the next ten days or two weeks.

The work of placing visible marks along the boundary line, as determined by the London tribunal, will be begun next June, or as soon as the season has advanced sufficiently to permit the survey party to travel over the country. The plan is not to begin either at the northern or the southern end of the line, but to mark first that part which is in most urgent need of immediate demarcation. Accordingly the surveyors will begin in the Chilcat region, where there is a considerable mining development, and where disputes and litigation are pretty certain to arise as long as the international boundary is not marked by monuments.

Take Several Years.

Dr. Tittmann says the work of marking the line will occupy several years. It will be possible to work only during the summer months, and, in fact, the operations will probably be restricted to June, July, and August of each year. There will be no extensive surveying, for the reason that the joint survey of 1894 will be closely followed, this having formed the basis of the settlement at Logdon last summer. Of this survey there are splendid charts, both of the Canadian and United States Governments.

Before the joint survey completes its task it will undertake to survey that part of the line which lies between Kate's Needle and Devil's Paw, two mountain peaks which appear on the charts of the survey of 1894. The London tribunal did not undertake to say precisely what course the line should take between these peaks, for the reason that the survey charts were defective so far as this part of the disputed boundary was concerned. The distance is about 120 miles.

No serious importance is attached to the unsettled condition of this part of the boundary, because the region is about the wildest in all Canada or Alaska.

Another Boundary Line.

Another international boundary is to be marked during the coming summer by surveyors appointed by the Coast and Geodetic Survey. This is the line which separates the State of Washington from the province of British Columbia. The territory is not in dispute, for it was years ago surveyed by the two governments concerned, but some of the old monuments have disappeared, and none of them were very carefully located for the reason that the territory appeared to be of little or no value at that time.

Within the last few years the region along the boundary has appeared to be rich in minerals, and there are now many prospecting mining towns scattered along the line. The work of making a new survey to confirm the old one was begun two years ago and continued last summer. This work was preliminary in character, however, and the actual work of erecting visible monuments at frequent intervals will be begun during the coming summer. This work will be even more difficult than that in Alaska, for the country is very rugged in character, and some of the mountains are almost inaccessible.



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